



Community News and Events

Nine More Hayashi Bills Pass the Legislature and Head to the Governor's Desk



The following bills have passed both houses of the legislature and now head to the Governor's desk for a signature:

AB 1754 – Community Colleges: Grade Changing Policies will require the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges to distribute a model policy for grade changing to each of the California community college districts. This bill is in response to the 400 illegal grade changes conducted within the Contra Costa Community College District in exchange for cash. Over 50 people, including students, have been identified in the scandal. Some have been charged with felonies involving fraud and conspiracy. ***Author Sponsored***

AB 1951 - Mental Health Services Act: Supportive Housing gives counties legislative authority to build community-based housing that provide mental health services. The bill would also require counties to ensure, in the terms and conditions for the use of public funds, that any property acquired or new buildings constructed with these funds will be used for the public purpose of providing programs, services, or administrative support consistent with MHSA. This bill will help expedite funding so the money can get out to community providers delivering critical mental health services on the ground as soon as possible. **Sponsored by the California Council of Community Mental Health Agencies**

AB 1997 – Vision Care: PERS establishes the Retired Employees Vision Care Program for the retired annuitants from local agencies such as firefighters, police officers and teachers who are enrolled with CalPERS for retirement benefits. This bill will establish the conditions under which an annuitant may qualify to participate in the vision care program. Each retiree will be responsible for paying the vision premium, which will be determined by CalPERS. ***Sponsored by the Retired Public Employees Association***

AB 2231 – **Family Violence Prevention** will allow Alameda, Solano and Sonoma Counties and the City of Berkeley to authorize a fee of up to \$2 for marriage licenses and other documents in order to fund governmental oversight and coordination of domestic violence prevention, intervention, and prosecution effort. This bill will extend the previous sunset date from 2010 to 2015. *Sponsored by the Family Justice Center of Alameda County*

AB 2413 – **CalTrans Properties** will require that a small parcel of land currently owned by the California Department of Transportation be made available for purchase by the City of Hayward's redevelopment agency first in order to continue community senior nutritional meal services. The sale shall take place after the land has been declared surplus. *Authored Sponsored*

AB 2622 – **Clean Technology Employer Training Program** would codify clean technology as an industry priority for the Employment Training Panel (ETP). The ETP was founded to keep California's economy competitive in the global workforce by providing employers with training grants to equip workers with necessary skills. This bill would formally identify this as a priority for the agency while preserving their discretion. Because of the green movement, it is important to recognize and distinguish the need for clean technology trainings to be a priority. *Author Sponsored*

AB 2804 – **California Solar Initiative: Timeline Requirements** will provide California schools additional time to complete projects under the California Solar Initiative in order to receive rebate incentives. There are over 9000 schools in California. Increasing solar energy by allowing schools extra time to participate in this program will not only benefit California's schools financially, but will also help reduce our state's energy consumption, and reduce our carbon footprint by using clean energy. *Sponsored by the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District*

AB 2861 – **Mental Health Parity** would require HMOs to cover emergency mental health care and services without prior authorization. It also clarifies the definition of an emergency mental health condition to ensure medical treatment. *Sponsored by the California Hospital Association*

AB 2946 – **Cemetery and Burial Fee** would reinstate a quarterly fee up to \$8.50 for each burial, entombment, and inurnment to be paid to the Cemetery and Funeral Bureau. This money would be deposited into the Cemetery Fund and will allow the Cemetery Bureau to maintain sufficient revenue to continue providing the required services and inspections. *Sponsored by the California Department of Consumer Affairs*

Assemblymember Mary Hayashi's Bill to Protect Children Signed into Law



On August 1st, Governor Schwarzenegger signed into law AB 2904 that empowers County Boards of Supervisors to investigate the deaths of children who have a connection to county child protective services. The bill clarifies that the Boards have access to otherwise confidential case information regarding child mortalities in all 58 counties in California.

AB 2904 addresses alarming instances of children dying even after reports of their endangerment had been brought to the attention of county child protective services. Minors are placed within the jurisdiction of these agencies in order to protect them from abuse and neglect, but each year minors die despite efforts to protect them, often following numerous instances of reported abuse.

Assemblymember Hayashi stated, "It is unconscionable that a child would continue to suffer neglect or abuse after their case is reported to child protective services, and even more deplorable that they would lose their life. These deaths can be

prevented, and counties need to be able to investigate these cases and make changes to the system.”

The bill was sponsored by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors including Alameda County Supervisor Gail Steele who has spent her entire career advocating for children in the foster care system.

“I am grateful to Assemblymember Hayashi for shepherding the bill through the process,” said Supervisor Steele. “This bill is a necessity because children in our care are dying in California and there is no accountability for the Board of Supervisors to look into what happened. Boards now have the opportunity to look into these events and make corrections. I hope Supervisors will take this to heart and work to protect children.”

Budget Update:

Assembly Budget Committee Hearing Scheduled Today at 1:30 p.m.

The Assembly Budget Committee will hold a hearing today at 1:30 p.m. in its continuation to negotiate a balanced budget with the Republican Caucus. The Big 5 are scheduled to meet as well at 2:30 p.m. Meetings to resolve the budget have continued ever since the start of the new fiscal year on July 1st. The California Assembly also met on a Sunday, August 17th to vote on a compromised balanced budget proposal advanced by Assembly Democrats. The proposal failed to pass when none of the Republicans who had been demanding a budget vote would cast an aye vote for the spending plan. (The final vote was 45 to 30. 54 votes are needed to approve a budget.)

The Democratic Caucus has worked hard to offer a balanced budget that puts education first, offers health care to our most vulnerable citizens, funds programs to protect our environment, and strengthens our economy that fosters job growth. The Legislative Democrats’ proposed budget eliminated the state’s \$15 billion deficit and balanced it without borrowing from voter-approved propositions, without draconian cuts to health care, and without budgetary gimmicks.

As Democrats, we continue to propose state budgets that invest in California’s future by restoring over half of the Governor’s \$4.3 billion cuts to schools, nearly all of the Governor’s 10% cuts to Medi-Cal, and most of the cuts for our safety-net programs that assist seniors, children and foster care recipients. In addition, the Democratic plan would fully fund Proposition 42 to build and repair our highways and restore all of the Governor’s proposed cuts to public transportation.

Our Republican colleagues must reach across the aisle in a bipartisan manner and vote in support of a balanced budget.

State Workers’ Salaries:

On July 31st, Governor Schwarzenegger signed an Executive Order reducing approximately 200,000 state worker salaries below the state minimum limit of \$8.00 per hour to the federal minimum limit of \$6.55 per hour. State Controller John Chiang refused to abide by the Governor’s order stating that the state has enough money to pay workers at their regular wage. Since our last newsletter, state workers will receive their full wages and benefits for the month of August. A Sacramento Superior Court Judge delayed a hearing on the lawsuit filed by the Governor until September 12th.

Budget Website for California Democratic Caucus – <http://adc.asm.ca.gov/issues/budget/>

Contact members of the [Assembly Republican Caucus](#) and [Senate Republican Caucus](#) and request they pass a balanced budget today.

Hayashi Helps Secure \$45 Million for Delta Levee Improvements to Protect EBMUD's Aqueducts



East Bay Municipal Utility District's (EBMUD) Mokelumne Aqueducts serve as a lifeline, delivering 96% of the drinking water originating from the Sierra Mountains to Bay Area residents. Experts believe that a single delta levee breach could potentially rupture EBMUD's three aqueducts and disrupt our water supply for days if not weeks.

SBX2-1 (Perata), the Integrated Water Management Planning Act, passed the state legislature on Sunday after the Assembly voted 43-25 along party-lines. If signed by the Governor, the measure will appropriate \$820 million from four different voter-approved bond measures (Propositions 13, 50, 84, and 1E) for the restoration of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, the epicenter of California's water system. Within this appropriation, the bill provides \$45 million for critical improvements to the Delta's levees to protect East Bay Municipal Utility District's (EBMUD) aqueducts that cross the Delta and supply 1.3 million people in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties.

"Senator Perata's insistence in the Senate and Assemblymember Hayashi's steadfast advocacy in the Assembly secured vital funding for levee improvements in order to protect EBMUD's aqueducts," said EBMUD Director Doug Linney. "Together, they have helped safeguard our water supply during a future emergency."

EBMUD supplies water for the cities of Oakland and San Leandro within the 18th Assembly District.

Assemblymember Hayashi Has Concerns with the New LPGA English Proficiency Standard



Assemblymember Mary Hayashi announced her disappointment with the Ladies Professional Golf Association's (LPGA) new policy that states all players including international athletes must speak proficient English or face suspension. The LPGA has pointed to the need for players to be able to entertain sponsors in pro-am tournaments as the reason for the decision.

"This decision sends the wrong message to our young people," stated Assemblymember Hayashi. "With the success of Tiger Woods, so many children of color have been inspired to take on the sport of golf, believing they had an equal opportunity to play. The LPGA is potentially reversing hard-won progress, especially for women, by showing that talent, passion, and hard work is not enough."

The LPGA decision is a reminder of the sport's historic issues with race and gender. The LPGA specifically met with South Korean players about the policy, as they make up 45 out of 121 international members. Of 30 rookies on the LPGA tour, only eight are from the United States, while the rest are from other countries. For several years, the media has been reporting on tensions about the growing Korean and Asian presence on the tour.

"To our knowledge, no other major professional sports association has such a policy," continued Assemblymember Hayashi. "It is hard to imagine the MLB or NBA carrying out such sanctions against their international players – they know it would be bad for the sport and for us as a country. The LPGA should embrace diversity."

Assemblymember Hayashi plans to organize hearings on this issue and possibly consider a bill that could lead to the end of such practices.

[Give us your feedback](#): Do you believe international athletes should pass an English proficiency test before competing in California?

Assemblymember Hayashi's District Office Is Certified GREEN



The District Office of Assemblymember Hayashi has been recognized for its environmental stewardship. The office passed several inspections for energy conservation, water conservation, solid waste reduction and recycling, and pollution prevention.

The Bay Area Green Business Program was developed by Bay Area local governments in collaboration with US EPA, Cal EPA Department of Toxic Substances Control and the business community. The [Association of Bay Area Governments](#) coordinates the Program, which is implemented by [Green Business Coordinators](#) in 9 participating counties. The regional and local programs are funded by their partners, including local and regional government agencies, utilities, special districts and nonprofit organizations that promote environmental compliance, pollution prevention and resource conservation. A portion of funding also comes from government and non-profit foundation grants.

If you are located in Alameda County and interested in becoming a Green Business, use this link to [request an application](#).

Assemblymember Hayashi's Voting Record and Helpful Links

Asian Americans for Civil Rights and Equality	100% Rating
California League of Conservation Voters	100% Rating
Children's Advocacy Institute	Highest Ranking
Consumer Federation of California	100% Rating
Equality California	100% Rating
Lambda Letters Project-People of Color	100% Rating
Lambda Letters Project-Women's Issues	100% Rating
National Organization for Women - California	100% Rating
PawPac's Animal Rights and Wildlife Issues	A+ Ranking
Sierra Club	100% Rating

Assemblymember Hayashi's Website ([Click Here](#))

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Tip of the Month

Plan NOW for the Digital Television Switch



At midnight on February 17, 2009, your analog television set will no longer receive an over-the-air signal as television stations will begin broadcasting in digital. Analog televisions that will be affected are those that currently use rabbit ears or an outside antenna. These televisions will need a digital television converter box. However, if you receive your television signal from a cable provider, such as Comcast, or a satellite provider then no converter box is needed. If you have recently purchased a digital television and receive over-the-air digital signals, then again, no action is needed.

Benefits of Digital Television:

1. The picture quality of the television is much clearer.
2. Each television station may provide more programming. For example, your local television station 7 may now have multiple programming at Channel 7.2, 7.3, or 7.4.
3. Digital TV allows more analog frequencies to be used for emergency responders.

How much does the digital television converter box cost?

Manufacturers have estimated the cost of each converter box at about \$60. However, you may receive a \$40 coupon to be applied towards your purchase. Each household may receive up to two \$40 coupons. Here's how to apply for the coupon:

Apply online: www.dtv2009.gov

Apply by Phone: 1-888-DTV-2009

Apply by Mail: P.O. Box 2000, Portland, OR 97208-2000

Apply by Fax: 1-877-388-4632

Applications are due by March 31, 2009. Apply for your coupon now as it may take up to seven weeks to receive it. For more information, call Assemblymember Mary Hayashi's District Office at (510) 583-8818.

Community Events

7th Annual Health Aging Fair – Free Admission – September 10th



Wednesday, September 10th from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Centennial Hall, 22292 Foothill Blvd, Hayward

Join Assemblymember Mary Hayashi at the “7th Annual Healthy Aging Fair” on Wednesday, September 10th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. hosted by Alameda County Commission on Aging's Health and Safety Committee. The fair will provide seniors with information and resources to live a health lifestyle. Attendees will have an opportunity to receive diabetes and glucose screenings, blood pressure testing, bone density scanning, podiatry services, and balance and gait testing. The fair will also provide information on health insurance, prescription drug management, home safety, accident and fall prevention, Medicare and Medi-Cal insurance, and Social Security benefits.

Assemblymember Hayashi's office will host a mobile district office at the fair to provide free copies of her Senior Community Resource Guide, brochures on health related topics, and staff to assist you with any state agency.

Girls, Inc. Women of Taste – September 27th from 6pm – 10pm



Women of Tast

Saturday, September 27th from 6pm – 10 pm

Oakland Museum of California

1000 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94607

Since 1991 Women of Taste has brought together the East Bay community to support the growth and achievement of girls and young women in Alameda County. Experience this extraordinary evening featuring the Bay Area's finest chefs, restaurants, wineries, and beverage companies. Don't miss our unique culinary-inspired art auction featuring Art for Epicures, with handmade art by "strong, smart and bold" women artists and Power Platters created by notable women celebrities.

Girls Inc. is a nonprofit organization with a mission to inspire all girls to be strong, smart and bold. Girls Inc. offers academic enrichment activities, skill-building programs, and counseling services to girls and their families. Active since 1958, Girls Inc. of Alameda County serves more than 7,000 youth and their families through programs offered at over 40 schools and community sites.

Free Vision Screening Clinic for Seniors Coming Up on October 10th in Dublin



In observance of World Blindness Awareness Month, Assemblymember Mary Hayashi is hosting her second Free Vision Screening Clinic for Seniors on October 10th from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Dublin Senior Community Center located at 7600 Amador Valley Boulevard in Dublin.

Optometrists from the California Optometric Association will provide free vision screenings to test for glaucoma, cataracts, and other general eye diseases. As we age, our eyes become more susceptible to common eye diseases and disorders. It is important for seniors to have an annual eye exam in order to detect early stages of problematic eye conditions while they can be prevented or corrected.

To RSVP for a free eye exam, please contact Assemblymember Mary Hayashi's district office at (510) 583-8818.

Resources Available

New Publication Available



The California State Budget Process

Publications Available



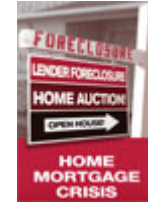
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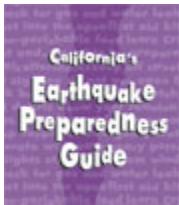
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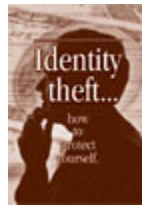
Senior Resource Guide



Home Mortgage Crisis Resource Guide



Earthquake Preparedness Guide



ID Theft Guide



Diabetes Guide



Stroke: Don't ignore the risk factors!



Breast Cancer Resource Guide



Children's Coloring Book – How a Bill Becomes Law

Free community resource guides are now available in print or online through Assemblymember Mary Hayashi's district office. Copies are available throughout the 18th Assembly District at senior centers, libraries, health clinics, and community organizations. If you or your organization would like printed copies, contact the district office at (510) 583-8818.

State Resources Website



Want to find energy saving tips? Find it and over 170 other state resource links that offer valuable information on a wide range of topics such as how to find a smog-check only station, how to receive free cash for college, how to protect yourself from identity theft, and how to apply for a FasTrak toll device.

To visit the new webpage, log on to Assemblymember Hayashi's official homepage at www.assembly.ca.gov/hayashi and click on the *State Resources Websites* link. This will lead web browsers to a list of service-based websites. From there click on any of the service links and be directed to the appropriate state agency's website.

Whether you're looking for tips on how to save on prescriptions or attempting to find the nearest recycling center, this new webpage is a convenient and comprehensive resource.

If you prefer not to receive email updates or correspondences from the Office of Assemblymember Hayashi, please opt-out by emailing your request to Christopher.parman@asm.ca.gov.